

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) with the following rewritten version:

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Information Device

An information device for use with an engine of a vehicle includes a lighting device means (27, 28) for providing information about a power position of the vehicle, an engine running detection device means (70, 71) for detecting engine running, a gear shift position detection device means (60, 61) for detecting gear shift position, and an illuminance control device means (20) for controlling illuminance of said the lighting device means (27, 28). When The illuminance control means is operable so that, when a detection is made by the engine running detection device means (70, 71) that the engine is running and by the gear shift position detection device means (60, 61) that the gear shift position is other than in a P range or N range, the illuminance control device means (20) reduces the illuminance of the lighting device means (27, 28) compared with the illuminance of the lighting device means (27, 28) when the gear shift position is in the P range or N range. In a further aspect the information means (20) comprises vehicle speed detection means (81) for detecting vehicle speed, wherein the illuminance control means (20) is operable to alter the illuminance of the lighting means (27, 28) in response to the detected vehicle speed.

[Figure 1]